Assessment of domestic production of petroleum products

†2052. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to fulfil 50 per cent of the demand of petroleum products by way of the domestic production;

(b) if so, the time when this decision was taken and the details of the decision thereof; and

(c) by when this target is expected to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) At present, domestic production of petroleum products is more than the domestic demand. The consumption and production of petroleum products in the country during the year 2001-02 was 100.4 million metric tonnes (MMT) and 104.2 MMT respectively. The corresponding estimates for the current financial year are 103 MMT and 108 MMT.

As per the India Hydrocarbon Vision-2025, the domestic refining capacity is envisaged to meet at least 90 per cent of the country's demand for middle distillates, which are the main product group.

Meeting with State excise Ministers on Gasohol-Petrol

2053. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he met the excise and sugarcane Ministers from nine Sugarcane growing States in the month of November, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the agenda was to smoothen the bumps in the way to start commercial sales of gasohol-petrol laced with five per cent ethanol in these States from January 1, 2003;

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